

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0010] bridging pages 3 and 4 of the specification as follows:

[0010] The optical module in accordance with another aspect comprises an optical sub-assembly mounted with an optical device; a circuit board electrically connected to the optical sub-assembly; a lower casing having a receptacle for receiving an optical connector holding an optical fiber, and a mount for mounting the circuit board; an upper casing to engage the lower casing; and a resin block for defining positions of the optical sub-assembly, circuit board, lower casing, and upper casing. The receptacle includes an abutting surface having an opening for receiving one end of the optical sub-assembly. The block comprises a front wall including one surface, in contact with the abutting surface, having an opening corresponding to the opening of the receptacle and receiving one end of the optical sub-assembly; a center wall; and a pair of side walls disposing the center wall therebetween. The center wall has a ~~holding~~ supporting portion for holding the circuit board. Each of the pair of side walls has a pressing portion for pressing the circuit board. Holding the circuit board between the ~~holding~~ supporting portion and pressing portions defines relative positions of the block and circuit board. The mount in the lower casing provides a projection. The block is held between one side face of the projection and the abutting surface. A side wall of the block provides a first cutout. A side wall of the lower casing provides a second cutout. The upper casing is formed with first and second protrusions. The first and second cutouts engage with the first and second protrusions, respectively, thereby defining relative positions of the lower casing, upper casing, and block.

Please amend paragraph [0011] bridging pages 4 and 5 of the specification as follows:

[0011] According to this aspect, inserting the optical sub-assembly into the opening of the front wall and holding the circuit board between the ~~holding~~ supporting portion and pressing portions can position the optical sub-assembly and circuit board with respect to the block. Therefore, before being assembled into the casings, the circuit board and the optical sub-assembly can be fixed to each other in the final positional relationship within the casings. Also, holding the block between the abutting surface of the receptacle and the projection in the lower casing can easily position the block with respect to the lower casing. Further, causing the first and second cutouts to engage with the first and second protrusions, respectively, can easily determine the relative positions of the lower casing, upper casing, and block. Hence, an optical module with easily assembled configuration.

Please amend paragraph [0012] bridging pages 5 and 6 of the specification as follows:

[0012] The optical module in accordance with still another aspect comprises an optical sub-assembly having an optical device; a circuit board electrically connected to the optical sub-assembly; a lower casing having a receptacle for receiving an optical connector holding an optical fiber, and a mount for mounting the circuit board; an upper casing to engage with the lower casing; and a resinblock for defining positions of the optical sub-assembly, circuit board, lower casing, and upper casing. The receptacle includes an abutting surface having an opening for receiving one end of the optical sub-assembly. The block comprises a front wall including one surface, in contact with the abutting surface, having an opening corresponding to the opening of the receptacle and receiving one end of the optical sub-assembly; a center wall; and a pair of side walls disposing the center wall therebetween. The center wall has a ~~holding~~ supporting

portion for holding the circuit board. Each of the pair of side walls has a pressing portion for pressing the circuit board. Holding the circuit board between the ~~holding~~ supporting portion and pressing portions defines relative positions of the block and circuit board. An inner face of the upper casing provides a projection. The center wall of the block provides a cutout. One surface of the proof section and one surface of the cutout of the center wall come into contact with each other, whereby the block is held between the projection and the abutting surface of the receptacle. A side wall of the block provides a first cutout. A side wall of the lower casing provides a second cutout. The upper casing provides first and second protrusions. The first and second cutouts engage with the first and second protrusions, respectively, thereby defining relative positions of the lower casing, upper casing, and block.

Please amend paragraph [0013] bridging pages 6 and 7 of the specification as follows:

0013] According to this aspect, inserting the optical sub-assembly into the opening of the front wall and holding the circuit board between the ~~holding~~ supporting portion and pressing portions can position the optical sub-assembly and circuit board with respect to the block. Therefore, before being assembled in the casings, the circuit board and the optical sub-assembly can be fixed to each other in the final positional relationship within the casings. Also, holding the block between the abutting surface of the receptacle in the lower casing and the projection in the upper casing can easily position the block with respect to the lower casing. Further, engaging the first and second cutouts with the first and second protrusions, respectively, can easily determine the relative positions of the lower casing, upper casing, and block. Hence, an optical module which can be easily assembled is provided.

Please delete paragraph [0056] on page 17

~~[0056] Fig. 11 is a perspective view of the upper casing 54 of the second embodiment. The upper casing 54 has a positioning part 54e in addition to the structures of the upper casing 37 in the first embodiment.~~

Please amend paragraph [0057] bridging pages 17 and 18 of the specification as follows:

[0057] The positioning ~~portion~~ part 54e comes into contact with the surface 12g of the front wall 12 exposed at the cutout formed in the center wall 13b of the block 10. This can define mutual positional relationships between the block 10, upper casing 54, and lower casing 31 together with engagement structures 54a to 54d provided at both side walls of the upper casing 54, cutout structures formed in both side walls 13a, 13c of the block 10, and cutout structures 31n formed in both side walls of the lower casing 31.